

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-43 and 45-51 are pending. Of these claims, Claims 16-43 and 45-51 are withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Claims 2, 44 and 52-58 are cancelled.

Claims 1-11 and 42 were amended to remove reference numerals. Other amendments are discussed below.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating Claims 2-4 would be allowable if amended to be in independent form.

Election/Restriction

Applicants acknowledge the comments made by the Examiner regarding the restriction requirement.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants thank the Examiner for his explanation of why two references in the IDS of 7-18-04 were lined through.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 5-15 are provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting in view of US 2004/0115468.

However, product Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 2. Accordingly Claim 2 has been cancelled. Product Claims 3-15 depend from amended Claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted this rejection is overcome.

35 USC §103

Claims 1 and 5-15 are rejected under 35 USC §103 in view of US 2003/0042146.

As explained above, product Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 2, Claim 2 has been cancelled, and product Claims 3-15 depend from amended Claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted Claims 1 and 2-15 are allowable.

Request for Rejoinder

Method Claim 16 has been amended to include the features of Claims 1, 2 and part of 35 to become a method of making the product of allowable amended Claim 1. Claims 35 and 37 were amended consistent with the amendment of Claim 16. Method Claims 17-42 depend from Claim 16. Thus, since the product of amended Claim 1 is allowable, it is respectfully submitted Claims 16-42 are allowable and their rejoinder is respectfully requested.

Claim 43 recites an assembly of components joined by brazing, wherein at least one of said components is a brazing sheet product according to Claim 1. Claims 45-51 depend from Claim 43. Thus, since the product of amended Claim 1 is allowable, it is respectfully submitted Claims 43 and 45-51 are allowable and their rejoinder is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above it is respectfully submitted all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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